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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Paul Nitze's Concern to Have Senator Symington
Have Access to Certain Agency Documents

1. This memorandum is to alert you to a possible telephone call from Rebel Lowrance.
2. Paul Nitze has apparently told Mr. Dale Evans of ISA in the DoD that he wants Stuart Symington to be shown two recent NIEs on the Middle East situation. They are: SNIE 30-3-67: THE SHORT-TERM ARAB-ISRAELI MILITARY BALANCE and SNIE 11-13-67: PROBABLE SOVIET OBJECTIVES IN REARMING ARAB STATES. He also wants the Senator to see a CIA/DIA document, dated 28 May 1967, "Military Capabilities of Israel and the Arab States."
3. Mr. Evans has been in touch with DIA and an officer of DIA has called me. I have taken the position that the actual physical blue books have not often been handed to members of Congress although you and your predecessors have been completely frank in discussing the content of NIEs with members of Congress sitting on the 4 Agency committees. I told my DIA contact that I had no idea of how you would wish to respond in this case, but that you ought to be consulted. I suggested that Rebel Lowrance might give you or Rufus a call. I also suggested that if Paul Nitze would settle for an oral briefing rather than giving Senator Symington access to the documents, we could furnish a briefer or DIA could do the job itself.

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Director
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